Statement

TABLE ; *Proportion of vehicles to population in the major metropolitan Cities*

City	No. of registered vehicles (as on 31-3-1991)	Total population as per 1991 Census	Total pollution load (MT/Day)*
Delhi	1,812,967	8,427,083	871.92
Bombay	628,488	9,909,547	548.8
Calcutta	475,032	4,388,262	244.77
Madras	543,978	3,795,028	188.54
Kanpur	169,066	1,958,282	71.99
Hyderabad	581,177	3,005,496	169.03
Ahmedabad	374,128	2,948,547	243.94
Lucknow	215,547	1,592,010	69.58
Bangalore	577,000	3,264,261	253.72

*The total pollution load is in terms of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, oxides of nitrogen and particulars emanating from automobiles.

Measures taken to check poaching of Tigers

4582. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the tiger population in the country when census was taken in 1989 and their population in 1993 ;

(b) whether Government have made any critical assessment of the measures taken to check poaching of tigers and the role of the State Governments concerned in preventing the poaching of tigers in their respective States ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) whether any stringent measures are contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The estimated population of Tigers in the country as per 1989 and 1993 census are 4334 and 3750 respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around the Protected Areas. Steps have been initiated to set up a special strike force in the Project Tiger Areas.

(d) The measures taken by the Government to save the tigers, include :—

(i) Setting up of a Tiger Crises Cell in the Ministry ;

(ii) State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around protected areas ; and

(iii) Steps have been taken to set up a Special Strike Force in the Project Tiger areas.

Increase in Green Cover in the Country

4583. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that satellite monitoring of environment has shown that green cover has been increasing in India ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what expansion of green cover has been there in Andhra Pradesh over the last five years as per satellite monitoring ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND